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John P. Sousa Middle School

Principal Name: Dwan Jordon

Address: 3650 Ely Place, SE, Washington DC, 20019

Phone: (202) 729-3260

Grades: 6th-8th

2008-09 Enrollment: 231

Nearest metro/bus lines: Bus: U2. Metro: Minnesota Ave. Station

Before/After care programs: Sousa has a very successful after-school organization called "Project My Time" that meets daily from 3 to 6 PM. This program offers academic support for all students as well as enrichment programs such as fiber arts workshops, Kid Power, recreational and academic games, and much more.

Partnerships: Ft. Dupont Ice Arena

Program/Thematic Focus: Creative and Performing Arts Catalyst School

Special Academic Programs/Courses Offered: TAG and Algebra 1

Special Subjects Offered: Band, Dance, Health, Read 180, Art, and P.E.

Number of full-time staff: 8

Number of full-time teachers: 22

Percent of teachers certified: 73%

Percent with Masters degrees: 27%

Wellness staff: Sousa is a Full Service School that offers additional academic, social, and emotional support for all students in the setting. The school also has two mentors and two social workers to motivate students and encourage positive behavior.

Facility Amenities: Sousa Middle School has a new state-of-the-arts facility that houses useful technology in every classroom which is used to enhance and develop students academically. Sousa also offers two computer labs, a Media Center, a gymnasium, an auditorium, and a cafeteria.

Sports/Teams/Clubs: Basketball (girls' and boys'), football, golf, tennis, track (indoor and outdoor), cheerleading, softball, baseball, and Drama Club

Made AYP last year? No

Proficient % Reading: 22

Proficient % Math: 16



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Awards/Recognitions: Because of this year's tremendous academic achievements and orderly culture, Sousa has been selected to become a "Choice School" beginning in the 2009-2010 school year.

PTA/Parent Organization: Yes

Parent coordinator: Kecia Braxton

Uniform: Yes

School colors: Gold and Red

Schools that feed into Sousa: Kimball, Beers, Plummer, and Davis

Schools that Sousa feeds into: H.D. Woodson and Anacostia Senior High

Vision: The vision of Sousa Middle School is to ensure that all students will show measurable growth in the areas of academics and the arts, as well as socially, regardless of intellectual development, artistic talent, and socioeconomic or cultural background. Students will develop a life-long love of learning and the arts through participation in a program of studies which uses an integrated approach to the teaching of the arts and academics.

Mission: Sousa's mission is:

- To provide a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for children to learn.
- To help children understand, respect, and appreciate cultural, religious and ethnic differences, as well as to be kind and considerate of each other.
- To recognize that each child has different multiple intelligences and learning styles, and to build on that child's strengths and abilities.
- To provide discovery experiences that stimulate creative thought, problem solving, and higher-level thinking skills.
- To provide a challenging curriculum in which each student can learn up to his or her full capabilities.
- To help each student acquire the habits of setting high standards and striving for excellence.
- To foster the self-confidence and esteem that will support constant and never-ending learning and improvement.

Other Important Information:

- Sousa Middle School has achieved tremendous, double-digit academic gains in Reading and Mathematics since the April 2008 DC CAS, according to recent district data.



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- Sousa has applied to be an Arts Catalyst School, with hopes of becoming the district's premier creative and performing arts middle school. In the 2009-2010 school year, Sousa will feature a dance program, band program, visual arts program, and creative writing program.
- The school has two very talented instructional coaches that support students and teachers in developing a structured and rigorous academic program. The school also has two administrators who are well-versed in instruction and maintaining a safe and orderly environment. Administrators and coaches are in classrooms daily to support student and teacher growth.